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TO: The House Ways and Means Committee on Social Security
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Please submit my comments for the hearing record.

I am writing in reference to The Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

This provision has adversely affected both my husband and me. He only taught for 21 years for the Los Angeles Unified School System. The rest of his work record was positions that paid into Social Security. He only nets approximately \$1500 a month from his teacher's pension. Because of the Offset Provision, he only receives approximately \$243 from Social Security rather than the full amount to which he is entitled. I cannot receive any spousal Social Security payment because I also receive a teacher's pension. We both have health issues that require supplemental payments beyond what our insurance pays. My husband will be 75 this year and I am 70.

It is patently not fair that people who never worked at all receive Social Security and people who have paid into the system cannot receive their rightful income. Believe me, this would not make us wealthy, but it would help us survive in this economy. We have worked all of our lives, and it is unfair that we can't enjoy our senior years without the financial stress we are experiencing.

This provision certainly doesn't encourage people to make midlife career changes to go into public service jobs.

We are not asking for anything for which we are not entitled.